AHH-
THERE YOU ARE! ♡
TOUYA-SA...
kun?
lean in
HE ASKED WHICH WOULD YOU LIKE, EITHER ORANGE TART OR GREEN TEA ROLL CAKE FOR DESSERT AT 3 O'CLOCK
ISN'T THIS GREAT? KAITO-SAN'S REALLY GOOD AT EVERYTHING.
I want that kind of darling for myself as well~
pounce
It's true that there are many unpleasant people over there,
and he might have heard many things from Ritsuko-san
But to be this open with his hostility, I feel like there must be some thing more

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EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT GOOD AT EVERYTHING, I'LL STILL ASK YOU TO BE MY WIFE.
THANK YOU!
OH
IT'S THE PICTURE FROM THE LAST SCHOOL FESTIVAL.
MY SISTER'S BUNNY..
.. WHAT IS THIS?
HUH?
I want it too~

ACTUALLY, THIS WOULD HAVE COMPLETED THE WHOLE ALICE IN WONDERLAND BUNNY LOOK,
BUT I FORGOT IT COMPLETELY
IT'S MY GRANDFATHER'S.
?
TOUYA-SAN?
knock knock
IT'S FOR MATSUDA-SAN,
FROM RITSUKO.
WHAT?
WE'LL HAVE SOME TEA SOON.
OKA-Y.

LET'S GO, TOUYA-SAN. ♫
ALL RIGHT. .
EH— WHAT?
I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT CAUSING ANY TROUBLE — SO RUDE!
WITH EVERYONE ASIDE FROM YOUNG MASTER MIZUKI, I'M LOVEY-DOVEY!!
I'M ABOUT TO HAVE TEA WITH EVERYONE.
HERE.
HUH?
RITSUKO SAYS SHE WANT TO TALK TO YOU.
SHE HAS NO TRUST IN ME.
HELLO?
AH,
ENOMOTO-SAN?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

CRASH!!
REALLY...
IN FRONT OF KAITO-KUN, HIROMI-CHAN HAS A TENDENCY TO FEIGN FRIENDLINESS.
SO IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO STAY BY KAITO-KUN'S SIDE FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.
RITSUKO-SAN IS SUCH A NICE PERSON.
ROGER THAT!
AH,
WELL, ADDITIONALLY,
WHEN YOU COME BACK, THERE'S A REPORT...
HUH? WHAT WAS THAT-?
NOTHING, NOTHING.
RITSUKO-SAN?
RITSUKO-SAN?!
ENOMOTO-SAN, WHAT'S WRONG?

HELLO, RITSUKO?!
I DON'T KNOW...
IT'S AN ACCIDENT
Sob
RITSUKO...?!
I HEARD A HORRIBLE NOISE!
click
HURRY, CALL AN AMBULANCE
toot toot toot
NO.

I CAN'T GET THROUGH
THE RECEIVER IS PROBABLY STILL OFF THE HOOK...
I DON'T KNOW,
DID SHE MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT WHERE SHE WAS?
HER CELL PHONE BATTERY DIED SO SHE SAID SHE WENT TO FIND A PUBLIC TELEPHONE
WHAT SHOULD I DO.. I HAVE TO GO!
ANYWAY, I'LL TRY TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE ACCIDENT, SO PLEASE CALM DOWN
DON'T ASK ME TO CALM DOWN.
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DO THAT!!
GRAB
HIROMI-SAN..!
SFX: SLAM

NO, PLEASE STAY HERE
O...OKAY
TOUYA-SAN.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
OH, CAN YOU GET ME MATSUDA-SAN'S COAT?
THERE'S A CHANCE RITSUKO MIGHT CALL BACK.
I'M... I'M COMING WITH YOU!
STAY HERE AND TAKE CARE OF HER.
YES...!
WHAT IF RITSUKO-SAN REALLY WAS IN AN ACCIDENT...?!
PLEASE COME BACK WITH GOOD NEWS!

AH.
MIZUKI..
HUH?
GRIT!
run run
THANK YOU.
CREAK

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IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT...!
WHAT.....
IT'S ALL BECAUSE RITSUKO CAME TO THIS KIND OF PLACE...!!
SFX: BAM
GRIND
HIROMI-SAN...!
RITSUKO ONLY CAME TO JAPAN BECAUSE...
SHE HAD TO GET ENGAGED TO A BASTARD LIKE YOU AND AS A RESULT, SHE LOST HER JOB...!

SHE SAID SHE CHOSE THIS HERSELF,
BUT I GOT INFORMATION OUT OF HER FRIENDS
THEY SAID THERE WAS PRESSURE FROM 'MAGAHARA',
SHE WAS SO EXCITED ABOUT HER BIG PROJECT THAT WAS ABOUT TO START THIS SPRING BUT. .
WHAT...?

SHE WAS THROWN OUT OF HER WORKPLACE.
SO SHE HAD TO END UP TRYING TO FIND WORK HERE INSTEAD.
IT'S ALL BECAUSE SHE GOT INVOLVED WITH YOU...!!
Maybe
AH...
That's why to make Ritsuko-san come back,
Maybe in order to make her quarrel with me, it was inconvenient for her to be overseas?
the people from the head family used a backhanded method...

MIZUKI, I...
NO, ENOMOTO-SAN. IT'S BECAUSE I DRAGGED HER INTO THIS
I'M SORRY.
I'M SORRY.
SFX: PULL
YOU'RE SORRY?!
EVEN IF YOU APOLOGIZE A THOUSAND TIMES...

SFX: SLAP
I KNEW THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT THINGS COULD TURN OUT LIKE THIS AND THAT IN THE END I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PREVENT IT
DON'T F***ING MOCK ME..!
HIROMI-SAN...!
STOP, HIROMI-SAN...!!
IT WAS MY FAULT.
I GOT A CALL FROM RITSUKO ONEE-CHAN ♡

*T/N: onee-chan is a way of calling a big sister or a girl who has a sister-like role.

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?
SHE'S SAFE AND HAS NO INJURIES,
BUT SINCE SHE ENDED UP AS ONE OF THE EYE WITNESSES, SHE SAID SHE'S GOING TO HAVE TO COME BACK A LITTLE LATE-
!
.....

I'M SORRY...
I NEVER IMAGINED THAT IT WOULD HAVE CAUSED SUCH COMMOTION.
ANYHOW, I EXPLAINED THE SITUATION TO HIM BUT PLEASE TRY REACHING OUT TO HIM.
HE HASN'T COME OUT SINCE HE SHUT HIMSELF UP IN THERE.

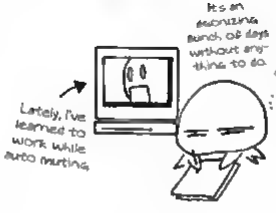
anyway
WHY DID YOU KEEP IT A SECRET FROM ME?
.. ARE YOU INSANE?
WHAT'S WITH THE FAKE FIANCÉ BUSINESS?!
HIROMI-CHAN?
I'M SORRY,
I GUESS I THOUGHT HIROMI-CHAN MIGHT GET MAD.
YOU'RE DAMNED RIGHT I WOULD!!
WHY SHOULD RITSUKO VOLUNTEER TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
BECAUSE OF IT, YOU WERE EVEN KICKED OUT OF THE COMPANY...!
YOU KNOW THAT'S MAGAHARA'S FAULT, RIGHT?

THAT'S WHY...
I DECIDED I WANTED TO HELP.
EVEN THOUGH HE'S THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY?
HE'S THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY BUT HE'S NOT FREE.
HE IS AT THE MERCY OF THAT CLAN MORE THAN I AM
YES,
IT'S MAGAHARA.
AND MIZUKI-KUN AND ENOMOTO-SAN ARE FIGHTING AGAINST THAT MAGAHARA

RITSUKO, YOU IDIOT,
GOOD NATURED PERSON...
BLOCK HEAD,
snif snif
ahh- you're crying-
PLEASE REMAIN MY FRIEND ♡
IF YOU ARE THE HIROMI-CHAN THAT KNOWS ME THE BEST,
YOU'D UNDERSTAND, RIGHT?
DON'T WORRY, I'VE SCORED WELL WITH MY JOB
IT SEEMS THAT BEING ABLE TO SPEAK BUSINESS ENGLISH IS ADVANTAGEOUS. ♡

BYE, HAVE A NICE DAY!
WELL THEN, I'LL COME BACK AROUND TWELVE.
Actually, since Mizuki left in the morning,
and even Rituko-san is going out...
SORRY, I CANNOT POSSIBLY ABDUCT HIROMI-CHAN AND BRING HIM WITH ME.
whisper whisper
IT'S ALL RIGHT, NO PROBLEM.

I cannot wait for 24 season 4 and S.A.C 3 (is it here? I want it to be here!)



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STOP IT, MIZUKI-KUN!
THERE'S NO REASON WHY YOU SHOULD BE DOING THAT!!
I'M PROPERLY CHOOSING MY OWN PATH.

AH...
lift
now, now, now, you go
tap
tap
tap
tap
YOU KNOW, EVEN THOUGH I'M IN THIS SITUATION, I'M ACTUALLY HAVING FUN.
no problem

SORRY...
IT'S BECAUSE I TOLD RITSUKO-SAN THAT WE SHOULD GET HIM TO COOPERATE AS WELL...
DON'T MAKE ME EVEN MADDER.
GO BACK INSIDE.
..WHY?
BECAUSE MY HEAD IS BOILING.

you turn your back on me like that
...IT'S COLD...
GO BACK INSIDE.
grip
NO...!
and you try to keep everything to yourself
BUT...
DON'T MAKE ME SAY IT AGAIN
Even when it's not my fault.
I CAME HERE EXPECTING, FROM THE MOMENT WE RELIED ON RITSUKO-SAN,
THAT THE HEAD FAMILY WOULD DO SOMETHING FOR SURE.
WITHOUT NOTICING...NOT BEING ABLE TO PREVENT IT...

WHAT IN THE WORLD AM I DOING...
I'M ANNOYED WITH THOSE GUYS' DIRTY TRICKS...
THE CARELESSNESS THAT DRAGGED HER IN...
AND ABOVE ALL,
I'M ANNOYED WITH MYSELF FOR BEING SO DAMN POWERLESS...!
It's because you blame yourself...
to the point that it hurts

If not, Mizuki might
decide everything by himself again,
and I'm afraid that he might go somewhere far away
UH-HU... SO...
WHY DON'T WE HALVE IT?
Painful things, tough things, sad things...
we should share all of it

A COMPROMISE?
WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT YOU
BUT NOW THAT YOU HAVE ACCEPTED OUR OFFER WE SEE THAT IT WAS WORTH IT FOR US TO WAIT
YES.

THAT IS THE BIGGEST RESPONSIBILITY AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY, AFTER ALL...
AND MY ONE AND ONLY DUTY.
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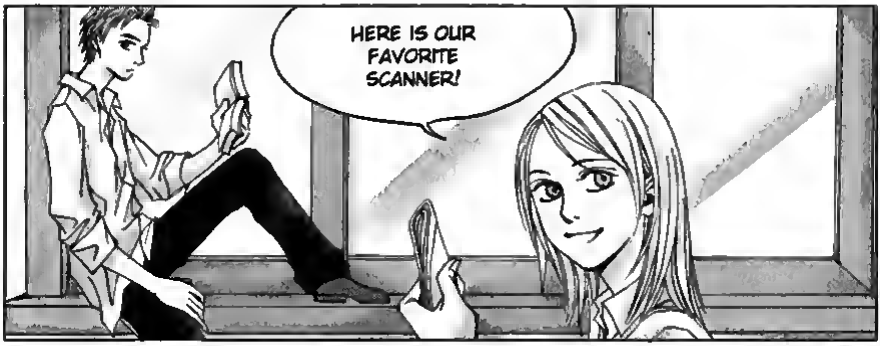

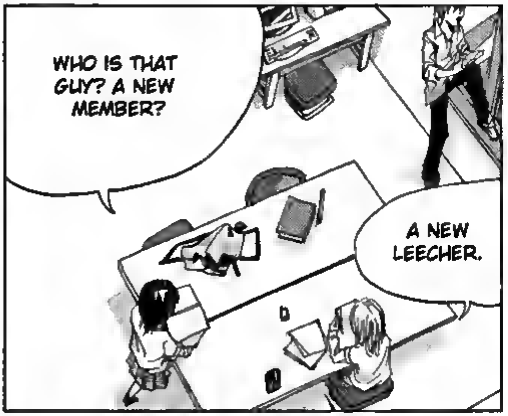

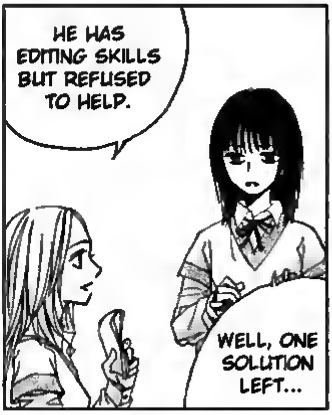

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I SEE MIZUKI ESCAPED.
YOU CAN SEE FROM HER FACE THAT SHE'S BEING TORTURED.
well
EVEN IF YOU CALL THIS A 'CRISIS', YOU CAN'T COMPARE IT TO FATHER'S COMMOTION.
Yuka-
lets house-sit together ♫ happily
I'm really, really scared...
WHO KNEW SUCH WORDS COULD COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTH?
here you go
SO THIS TIME WE'LL JUST IGNORE THEM.

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...THERE'S A PART OF ME THAT'S HESITATING...
FROM THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF FATHER,
AND MY ENVY OF SOMEONE WHO COULD SHOW SUCH ATTACHMENT TO MOTHER.
I STILL HAVE MIXED FEELINGS
AND... WHILE I HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO FULFILL MY DUTY, NEVERTHELESS, SOMEWHERE...
IT MUST BE LOVE.
.....
HEHE. ♡
HAVE YOU HAD A PERSONALITY CHANGE, LATELY?

I FEEL LIKE FROLICKING,
IN SPITE OF MY AGE.
IN THE PAST, OUR WHOLE FAMILY TREATED EACH OTHER
AS IF WE WERE WALKING ON EGGSHELLS.
SO WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?
MIZUKI SERIOUSLY PUNCHED ME
AND DURING HOLIDAYS SHE GOES RUNNING AROUND TAKING AKARI TO AMUSEMENT PARKS AND ZOOS
IT SEEMS LIKE KUBO'S EASIER TO APPROACH THAN BEFORE, SO HE'S STRANGELY POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS IN THE MANSION.
What, I don't know anything about that
BESIDES-
THERE'S ALSO YOUR REMARKABLE INTUITION.

FIRST OF ALL, WE MUST REPORT TO YUGE RITSUKO AND HER MOTHER,
ABOUT THE FACT THAT BIG CHANGES COULD NOT BE ENACTED
I SEE...
IF NEEDED, BACKGROUND CHECKS ON MATSUDA KANZOU COULD BE CARRIED OUT HERE.
NO, THAT'S NOT NECESSARY
I BARELY RECOGNIZED THE DOUBT THAT EXISTED INSIDE ME.
IT'S SO GOOD
TO GET TO KNOW PEOPLE BETTER, IT'S SCARY,
AND FUN AT THE SAME TIME.

close
THERE IS A RUMOR THAT THE HEAD FAMILY...
UNDERSTOOD.
ALSO, THIS IS STILL UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION BUT JUST IN CASE...
HAVE SOMEHOW STARTED TO ACT ON YUGE RITSUKO'S CASE...
CHOKE
I FEEL LIKE I'M BEING SLOWLY BUT STEADILY TORMENTED...
COULD IT BE THAT I'M JUST PARA-NOID...?!
OH MY- YOU'RE BOTH FROM THE SAME SCHOOL?
YOU'RE TOGETHER AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL TOO. AREN'T YOU JUST LIKE HUSBAND AND WIFE ALREADY? ♡

I WONDER...
WHAT IF THAT REALLY HAPPENED?
WHAT DO YOU THINK MAGAHARA MIZUKI WOULD DO?
Oh, wait!
STILL,
ALTHOUGH I SAID THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD IF RITSUKO WENT OUT WITH KAITO-SAN..
YES...!!
GRIP
IF RITSUKO IS IN A PINCH, ENOMOTO-SAN, PLEASE HELP HER!!
I mean
SORRY, SORRY...
ACTUALLY, I'M THE MAIN CULPRIT FOR MAKING SUCH AN "UNNECESSARY REQUEST.
EVEN IF YOU ASKED ME TO HELP,
.....
Cries, turns away and sobs!

I SEE THAT YOU...
GOT INVOLVED WITH NASTY PEOPLE AS WELL.
WHAT?
YOU KNOW, RITSUKO'S MOTHER WENT THROUGH SO MUCH HARDSHIP!
NOT ONLY IS THE HUSBAND WEIRD, THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY!
grrrr
WHEN WE THOUGHT WE COULD FINALLY BE HAPPY, NOW IT'S RITSUKO?!
Are you freaking kidding me?
EVEN THOUGH I URGED YOU TO GO 'HIT ON' HIM,
I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD GO FOR SOMEONE LIKE MAGAHARA MIZUKI
I wonder..?